

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6439

INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

UNCLAS LA PAZ 5924

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, SHUM, BL

SUBJ: BANZER'S PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE DEPARTING PANAMA FOR

CARACAS

1. ON JULY 28, LOCAL PRESS GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE  
TO BANZER PRESS CONFERENCE IN PANAMA, GIVEN JUST BEFORE  
HIS DEPARTURE TO CARACAS. REMARKS HIGHLIGHTED BY PRESS  
WERE BANZER'S REAFFIRMATION OF A RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL  
GOVERNMENT IN 1980, BASED ON "PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH  
THE PUBLIC", HIS STATEMENT THAT GOB WOULD CONSIDER AMNESTY  
FOR POLITICAL EXILES ONCE THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN "IMMUNIZED  
AGAINST DEMAGOGUERY", AND PANAMA'S SUPPORT FOR BOLIVIA'S  
QUEST FOR AN OUTLET TO THE SEA.

2. PRESS COVERAGE ALSO FOCUSED ON BANZER'S STATEMENT  
RE HUMAN RIGHTS. HE EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR HUMAN  
RIGHTS NOTING THAT THE ISSUE CANNOT BE VIEWED FROM ONLY  
ONE ANGLE. HE STATED "NOT RETURNING THE CANAL TO PANAMA  
AND NOT PAYING JUST PRICES FOR NEW MATERIALS "ARE ALSO  
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

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